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Letter dated 26 March 2007 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Bolivia to the United Nations addressed to the President of the General Assembly

I have the honour to inform you that the Government of Bolivia has decided to put forward its candidacy for membership of the Human Rights Council for the period 2007-2010 in the elections scheduled to be held in May 2007 during the sixty-first session of the General Assembly (see annex). I should be grateful if you would arrange for this letter and its annex to be circulated as a document of the General Assembly.

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Human Rights Council

The Government of Bolivia has decided to put forward its candidacy for membership of the Human Rights Council for the period 2007-2010, convinced that the Council's establishment and functioning mark a very significant advance in multilateral efforts to promote respect for human rights, in which cooperation and dialogue are the principal mechanisms for the conduct of its work.

As a founding member of the United Nations, Bolivia has acceded to and ratified nearly all the fundamental international human rights instruments, a record that clearly reflects its firm resolve to contribute to the promotion and protection of human rights. Bolivia has also adopted the appropriate domestic laws to guarantee their full observance. It means also that Bolivia submits reports to the relevant international human rights treaty bodies.

For the Government of Bolivia, the work to be done by the Human Rights Council on principles grounded in universality, impartiality, objectivity and non-selectivity will contribute to the strengthening of the Organization, and in this regard it is committed to contributing to the strengthening of this Council in accordance with the mandate conferred on it by General Assembly resolution 60/251.

Bolivia's record and its Government's clear and transparent political commitment to the promotion of human rights have been demonstrated by the visit which the High Commissioner for Human Rights paid for the first time at the invitation of the current Administration, during which she was able objectively to observe the situation of human rights in Bolivia and to sign an agreement for the establishment of an office of the High Commissioner in our country.

Consistent with this approach by Bolivia, mention should also be made of the visit paid to the country by the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, which highlighted and supported the actions being taken by the Government of Bolivia on issues related to social exclusion, community justice and other measures to protect the rights of indigenous peoples.

The Government of Bolivia reaffirms that all human rights are universal, indivisible, interdependent and interrelated. It will therefore support the equal, balanced and non-discriminatory treatment of all categories of human rights everywhere in the world, in particular the right to development.